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SUBJECT: CORRUPT HEAD OF CORRUPTION COUNCIL WASIFI

Classified By: Ambassador Ronald E. Neumann for  
reasons 1.4 (B) and(D).

¶1. (S) The Ambassador raised with President Karzai February 6 the unsuitability of former governor Wasifi as head of the Corruption Council. Karzai well knows that Wasifi was convicted of drug-dealing in the US and accused of corruption when he was governor of Farah. Karzai seemed mildly surprised, saying that the council is a complete non-entity now that the Attorney General is going full-force after corruption. The Ambassador reviewed the negative symbolism of the appointment. Karzai said he would look at possibly moving Wasifi to a different government job.

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